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Waste Plan – what's the big idea?

Whanganui District Council is asking for community feedback on the draft Waste Plan 2021, which proposes kerbside collections for both recycling and food waste for urban households. This information on several aspects of the plan is provided to help in your decision-making – submissions close at **5.00pm on Monday, 4 October 2021**. Have your say at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say or email: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz

Kerbside recycling collection

Why do we need kerbside recycling? Don't people just take their recycling to the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre?

Some people take their recycling to the Resource Recovery Centre but for others it's too difficult to get there. Kerbside recycling would give everyone in Whanganui's urban area easy access to recycling services.

Would the proposed kerbside recycling take all products? Yes, the kerbside recycling service would take everything that currently can be posted into the slots at the front of the Resource Recovery Centre. This includes plastics 1, 2 and 5, glass, paper and cardboard and tins and cans.

What's the point of recycling – doesn't our recycling end up at the landfill anyway?

One hundred percent of uncontaminated recycling dropped at the Resource Recovery Centre is recycled. If a kerbside recycling service was introduced, all uncontaminated items would be recycled.

How would the service work and what's the cost?

Recycling would be collected weekly – glass one week and other recyclables – paper, cardboard, plastics, tins and cans – the following week. The service would start in 2023. The rates cost for a kerbside recycling service would be about \$1.35 extra per household per week.

What would happen to the Resource Recovery Centre?

The centre would still operate to collect recycling from rural households and items that can't be collected kerbside.



What's the bigger picture?

The vision in our draft waste plan is to work towards becoming a "low-waste district" that sends as little as possible to landfill. By introducing kerbside recycling, our community could divert an estimated extra 800 tonnes of recyclables from landfill each year.

What about rural households?

The proposed kerbside services are for urban households only because the cost of extending them to rural households would be prohibitive. However, the Resource Recovery Centre would collect recycling from rural households. Recycling stations would be trialled in two rural areas.

Kerbside food waste collection

Why do we need a food waste collection – can't people just home compost their food scraps?

Some people do have compost bins at home. They'd find the proposed service useful as well because it would take all food waste including items like cooked food, dairy, meat and fish that can't go into a home compost.



But doesn't food waste just rot away in the landfill?

In a landfill, food waste decomposes without oxygen. This produces greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change.

How would the service work and what's the cost?

Each household would be given a small, closed container for food waste, starting in 2024. A commercial operator would process the collected food waste into compost. The rates cost for a food waste collection would be about 76 cents extra per household per week.

I feed all my food scraps to animals – what's the point of a food waste service?

It's about how our whole community can minimise the amount we send to landfill. With the new service, our district could divert an estimated 1700 tonnes of food waste from landfill each year.

Glass art design time with New Zealand Glassworks

New Zealand Glassworks is celebrating its fifth birthday with a glass design competition. Winning designs in two categories – 12 years of age and under, and 13 years and over – will be made into glass by the skilled team of artists at New Zealand Glassworks. To enter the competition, drop or post your glass design drawing into New Zealand Glassworks at 2 Rutland Street or email it to: info@nzglassworks.com

Entries close at **4.00pm on Friday, 24 September 2021**.

The winning designs in each category will be made into glass at New Zealand Glassworks the next day – Saturday, 25 September. More information at: www.nzglassworks.com

SAT 25TH SEPT 2021

Celebrating Five Years!

ENTER OUR DESIGN COMPETITION

ONE DESIGN FROM EACH CATEGORY WILL BE MADE IN GLASS FOR THE WINNERS TO KEEP!

CATEGORY ONE
Up to 12yrs
10am - 12pm

CATEGORY TWO
13yrs + over
1pm - 3pm

Full details via: www.nzglassworks.com

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Daylight saving time

Clocks go forward 1 hour this Sunday



Daylight saving time begins **this Sunday, 26 September 2021 at 2.00am**. Make sure to put your clocks **FORWARD ONE HOUR** on Saturday night before bedtime.

Alcohol bylaw review

Submissions close Friday, 1 October

Whanganui District Council is seeking community feedback on a review of its Alcohol Control Bylaw 2016. The council is proposing to retain the existing permanent alcohol ban areas and introduce the ability to have temporary alcohol bans for events.

For all consultation information and to make an online submission, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say You can also email your thoughts to: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 1 October 2021**.

2021 Public Art Fund

Applications open until 29 October

Whanganui District Council's 2021 Public Art Fund is an annual contestable fund that supports a wide range of public artworks including digital art, temporary performance, toi Māori, interactive art, sculpture, pou whenua, moving image, land art, mural art and much more. Funding applications close at **12 noon on Friday, 29 October 2021**.

For more information about all council-related funding opportunities, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

Council meetings

Cancelled meeting

Infrastructure, Climate, Change and Emergency Management Committee	1.00pm Wednesday 22 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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• Please note this meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business

Upcoming meetings

Youth Committee	4.00pm Monday 27 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 28 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Wednesday 29 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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• Hearings and deliberation for proposed freedom camping bylaw

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Livestreamed council meetings: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on these topics:

- Review of Alcohol Control Bylaw 2016
- Draft Waste Plan 2021

More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

